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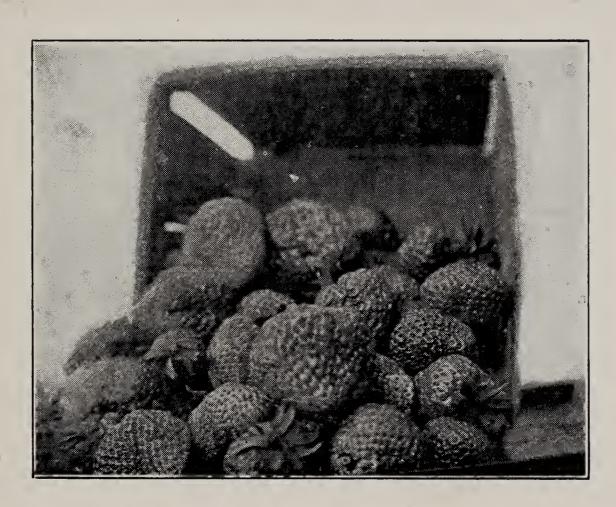


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PERRY'S CATALOGUE

Select Strawberry Plants and Garden Roots



FAIRFAX THE QUALITY STRAWBERRY

GEORGETOWN - DELAWARE

Description of Varieties

PREMIER. Every strawberry grower has heard of the Premier for it is largely planted in almost all sections by almost every strawberry grower. It is one of the best and most popular varieties ever introduced and claimed by many to be without an equal for any purpose. It is a success in almost all sections. The plants are good growers large and very heavy deep-rooted. It ripens with the earliest, is very productive, fruit is large and of delicious flavor, firm, a good keeper, ships well and sells for good prices. Many claim it is the most profitable variety they have ever grown. If you want a good early variety you will make no mistake in planting Premier. I have a large supply of large, healthy, heavy-rooted Premier plants and can fill your order for any quantity.

HOWARD 17. This berry is exactly the same as Premier.

FAIRFAX. Released for introduction by the U. S. Department of Agriculture in the spring of 1933. From our own observation of the Fairfax and Dorsett and all that has been said about them by the Department and Introducers they surely can be depended upon and we believe they will prove to be all that is claimed for them and if they do, no grower of Strawberries can afford to be without them. The foliage of the Fairfax seems very vigorous, even more so than the Premier, our old standard of comparison. The foliage and fruit stems extend well above the ground which tends to give clean fruit and make the fruit ripen more uniformly. The Fairfax ripens about the same time as Premier, and its fruiting season extends over a long period. In production tests for season of 1935 the Fairfax did not yield quite as heavy as Dorsett but held a big lead over Premier, its nearest rival, and twice as many berries as many of our old standard varieties. The quality of the Fairfax is equal to the best of our older varieties. The berries are large to very large, of a bright red color at picking time. Like the Bellmar it turns dark after being picked several days but retains its flavor and firmness. The Fairfax should be planted for both home and commercial use.

DORSETT. Released for introduction by the U. S. Department of Agriculture spring 1933. The Dorsett surely makes a worthy companion for the Fairfax and each of them seems to have their advantages. The foliage of Dorsett resembles that of Blakemore to some extent, apparently not being as vigorous as Fairfax but equally as resistant to diseases. The foliage and fruiting stems are more erect than Premier and it is a free plant maker. The fruit is usually conic in shape. The color is bright red similar to Blakemore. The berries will average much larger than Blakemore although not quite as large as Fairfax. The flavor of Dorsett is not equal to Fairfax but superior to other early berries and can be classed among the best. In production test made season of 1935 it outyielded the Fairfax considerably and naturally had a wide margin on all other varieties, Fairfax being its nearest rival. The Dorsett is not as firm as the Fairfax but is equal to Blakemore and more firm than Premier so should be a good commercial variety because of its productiveness, attractive color ,and excellent quality for an early berry.

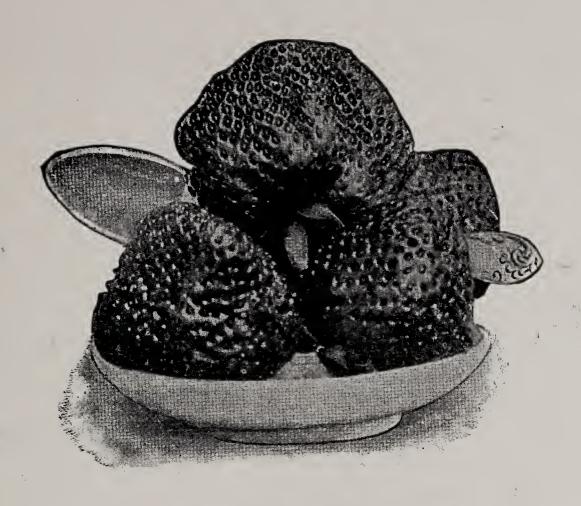
BIG JOE. Also known as Joe Johnson. One of the best, if not the best, of the midseason varieties. The plants are exceedingly vigorous and make fine fruiting beds on any soil that will produce strawberries. Makes good under nearly all conditions. Berries are firm, bright red in color, almost perfect in shape, of very large size and produced in great abundance for so large a berry. Sells for top prices. It is a fine table berry, and I can recommend it for home use or for distant market. For profit plant Big Joe; it is distinctly a money-maker.

CHESAPEAKE. Late. As a late variety for quality and beauty the Chesapeake is unexcelled. It is acknowledged to be one of the finest flavored berries of the strawberry family, and if quality is considered, you will make no mistake in planting largely of Chesapeake. Quality, however, it but one of its good traits, for it is one of the largest and most handsome varieties grown. The fruit is uniformly large and well-shaped. It colors all over to a deep red so there are no green tips to disfigure it, and presents a striking appearance that always brings a fancy price. If you do not have this variety in your collection, we advise you to plant some of them at least, and you will be enthusiastic with the results. Our plants are pure, all from new beds and first-class in every respect.

\$ \$ 10 mg/

Plants. Have seen your plants that you sold Fred Sewall some few years ago and know them to be good bearers."

BENJ. F. GODDARD OF VERMONT, says: "The Strawberry plants arrived O. K. All in good order. Thanks for promptness."



MASTODON

The World's Best Everbearer

MASTODON. This is the leader of all the everbearing varieties and is the only one I have tried that is worth growing commercially, as it is firm enough to stand shipping to nearby markets. It is as productive as Champion and while not as sweet, is superior in every other way, being much larger, more handsome, sells quicker and will bring more money. Plants set this spring will produce a big crop of fruit this fall, fruiting from late July until freezing weather. Another thing that makes Mastodon a safe variety to plant is that it will not only produce a big fall crop but will bear a heavy crop next spring that will compare favorably with most of the spring bearing varieties, ripening in mid-season, and producing big, juicy red berries of delicious flavor with a bright green cap giving them a handsome appearance in the package. The plants are large with long deep roots that enable them to withstand drouth. The foliage is low and spreading which protects blossoms from frost and cold in the fall. I sold out on Mastodon last year but this year I have a good supply and have tried to make the price within the reach of all so why not enjoy nice luscious berries this summer and fall.

GUY PARMENT OF NEW YORK, writes: "The Mastodon Strawberry Plants you sent me last spring were grand plants and they were lovely tasting berries. We run a Gas Station and they came from Buffalo, Jamestown and Chautauqua to get the berries, even came after they froze. We could not pick enough berries to satisfy the people. Would like you to send me 4,000 Mastodon plants by express."

MARGARET D. HOWELL OF CONNECTICUT, writes: "The Mastodon Everbearing Strawberry Plants you sent me three years ago have been wonderful in taste and quantity."

MRS. RUFUS P. BUCHER OF PENNSYLVANIA, says, "We always have success with your plants."

LOUIS P. MAYNARD, OF MASSACHUSETTS, writes "Received Strawberry Plants in good condition with promptness."

A. L. FARR OF PENNSYLVANIA, writes: "I purchased one hundred each of Dorsett and Fairfax Strawberry Plants from you late last summer and plants were received in fine condition. They grew very nicely in spite of the dry weather."

Price List of Strawberry Plants

	25	50	100	500	1000	5000
	Plants	Plants	Plants	Plants	Plants	Plants
Dorsett	. \$0.25	\$0.35	\$0.60	\$2.00	\$4.00	\$17.50
Fairfax	25	.35	.60	2.00	4.00	17.50
Premier	25	.35	.60	2.00	4.00	17.50
Howard 17	25	.35	.60	2.00	4.00	17.50
Chesapeake	25	.35	.60	2.00	4.00	17.50
B'g Joe	25	.35	.60	2.00	4.00	17.50
Mastodon (Everbearing)	25	.50	.80	3.00	6.00	25.00

The Above Prices Are F. O. B. Georgetown, Delaware

PARCEL POST RATES ON STRAWBERRY PLANTS

		_	ones 1 -2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5	Zone 6	Zone 7	Zone 8
100	Plants	\$	0.12	\$0.15	\$0.21	\$0.27	\$0.33	\$0.41	\$0.48
200	Plants		.16	.23	.35	.49	.61	.77	.92
300	Plants	·····	.21	.31	.49	.70	.89	1.13	1.36
400	Plants		.25	.39	.63	.91	1.17	1.49	1.80
500	Plants		.29	.47	.77	1.12	1.45	1.85	2.24
600	Plants		.34	.55	.91	1.33	1.73	2.21	2.68
700	Plants		.38	.63	1.05	1.55	2.01	2.57	3.12
800	Plants		.43	.71	1.19	1.76	2.29	2.93	3.56
900	Plants		.47	.79	1.33	1.97	2.57	3.29	4.00
1000	Plants		.51	.87	1.47	2.18	2.85	3.65	4.44

On all orders of 500 plants or more the rate is cheaper by Express after the third Zone. We now have a new lower Express Rate on plants and roots from here to all points. All growers will save approximately 40% on Express rates.

SWEET POTATO PLANTS

Yellow Jersey and Nancy Hall varieties ready from about May 10th to July 1st. Price, 50c per 100; 500 for \$1.50; 1000 for \$3.00 postpaid.

ASPARAGUS ROOTS

MARY WASHINGTON—Washington Asparagus is generally recognized to be the best variety—and Mary Washington the best strain of that variety. Leading asparagus growers say that it starts earlier, produces more and larger stalks, possesses the highest rust-resistance and will net more money per acre or more satisfaction in the home garden. Price of good strong two year old roots, 25 for 50c; 50 for 80c; 100 for \$1.25, postpaid. By express purchaser to pay charges, \$1.00 per 100; 500 for \$4.00; 1000 for \$8.00.

RHUBARB ROOTS

MYATT'S LINNAEUS—The earliest and best variety. The stalks grow very large and often 2 inches wide are light green and scarlet. Requires less sugar than other kinds Price of good strong roots, 20c each; 3 for 50c; 6 for 80c; 12 for \$1.25, postpaid. By express purchaser to pay charges, 12 for \$1.00; 50 for \$2.00; 100 for \$4.00.

Terms—Payment must be made before shipment. If not convenient to remit entire amount when order is sent remit not less than one-fourth of the amount of the order, and your order will be booked and held for you and you can remit the remainder when convenient, before shipment.

Our Prices—We think our prices are as low as any reliable grower can offer the same grade of goods. Some may offer lower prices, but the best plants are always the cheapest in the end. Try ours.

Our Stock is equal to any grown, and you may always rely on getting it fresh and full of life, and as our soil is especially adapted to the growing of plants, we send out as fine roots as any on the market.